maid."

dra. W. D. Lee: "Never have them.
t my huntend have them."
tes. Demean: "After I came to live th my sun-in-law, F. P. Kelso."

A certain young woman, who for-cly lived here, took the train re-stly for her home in another town, d began to weep bitterly. The conse in another town, tor, seeing her distress, same adam, may I ask why those tears?" if she replied: "I am crying be-age I have just left my mother-in-w." Whereupon the conductor tried

Mrs. Bube Kirk, of Gilliam, spent of Monday with her brother, E. ch, in this city.

Mrs. Victoria Hale visited nu Bryarly thin week. Mrs. Cors Hiper departed Wed-day for faltimore, Md., after vis-ng Major and Mrs. J. H. Whit-

Miss Trix Turkey will arrive Tues-y from Kingaville, Texas, to visit r parenta. Misses Elizabeth, Jennie Parker, and

ola Wells were dinner guests of as Mary Lee Burks Thursday, Mrs. Fred Fliden, of El Reno, Okla., rived Saturday to visit her sister,

Pollock.

Dr. and Mrs. H. I. Turley had referred to their guests at the Hoxsey Hotel anday evening Maj. and Mrs. J. H. Interest and Mrs. Cora Hiner.

Mrs. David Chuanoff, of Sedalia, and rs. Rose Reisenberg, of Sherman, xas, are the guests of Mrs. Maurice worth of the reinds at an interest of the second secon

y evening at dinner. Mrs. I. Silverstein and Mrs. M.

educed a problem of the purpose of distribution among the Rev. F. B. Haggard who is passed a large church in Detroit.

Mrs. Rahling of Kansas City is the set of Mrs. Charles Carpenter.

Mrs. D. A. McMillan has returned her home, after visiting Mrs. L.

Mitchell.

Dee Fish acted as toastmistress, and the following responded to toasts:

Miss Mildred Frank, Messrs. Leo Rithur Miss Mildred Frank, Messrs. Leo

Miss Mabel Threlkeld left this week ter, R. D. Worrell and the Rev. H. ers, Mary Lee Burks, Lottle Cornett, Bethel Lawrence, Sarah Connett, Bethel Lawrence, Bethel Lawrence, Bethel Lawrence, Sarah Connett, Bethel Lawrence, Bethel Bryan Kelso sport the week-end in la city.

Mrs. W. W. Fry, Jr., had two tables of bridge Monday afternoon at her home on South Olive street, in honor of Misses Cecil Fife and Mars.

Mrs. R. Argarite Clay, of Columbia. After the stables of bridge W. Arthur the land Reuben Taylor, of Fayette.

J. N. Baskett, of St. Louis, spent veral days here this week.

Miss Virginia Rodgers spent Sunyi as St. Louis.

Misse Louise and Marcena JohnMisses Cecil Fife, Margarite |
hay Buckner, Mildred Johnson, Jane |
held a clumy lace cover, and in the
center was a vase of pink carnacarter, Gertrude Fry, Mrs. Clayborn Jackson, Misse Sarah Conlon, of George Lee, E. S. Wilson, F. R. Misses Louise and Marcena JohnIn spent the week-end with their
rents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. John
Misses Louise and Misses Louise and Marcena Johnson, of Christian Col
Marc

Witt were guests of Miss Franc for a six course dinner Monday evening, in honor of her house guests, ty; E. R. Price, of Montana, Missan Howard and Morris Keath spent veral days here this week.

Gien Squires spent the week-end th his family in this city. Miss Sarah Conlon is the house est of Mrs. Clayborn Jackson. On Saturday night Miss Lena Bry-ly invited Misses Mildred Moore, extrude Fry and Fairy Lindsley, of wa, to be her guests at the Orphe- Messrs. Dick Appling, of Montgom-

Shelden Murry, of Liberty, was the an Kelso and Cave Johnson. Our scientifically equipped Optical a very delicious lunch. Those present tended the Elka' dance on Monday Optical optical a very delicious lunch. Those present optical optical a very delicious lunch. Those present were: Misses Victoria Brooks, Lelia Optical avery delicious lunch. Those present were: Misses Victoria Brooks, Lelia Optical avery delicious lunch.

dr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson had as faction in the fitting of your Glasses. Hook, Messrs. Dennis Moore, Will

eir gursts at tea Sunday evening, Oxford and Library Glasses in Crysts. L. F. Mitchell, Mrs. D. A. tal, Shell and Gold; Lorguetta and Children of Fulton, and Mrs. J. C. Reading Glasses.

dwtf WORRELL, The Jeweler.

Hoos, Heasts, Definis Moore, Williams, Carter Norris and Ed Lee.

The Wednesday Club met at the Library with Mrs. W. L. Reed leader of the lesson, "The Faithful, Acts H Mr. and Mrs. Turner Williams had Miss Viola Wells, of Hannibal, was and III of Masefield's Life and Caguests for Sunday evening tea: the guest of honor at a very enjoyable reer." Papers were read by Mrs. clayborn Jackson, Miss party Saturday afternoon, given by Dearing, Miss Lewis and Mrs. Caunon, of Hannibal, and LeoMiss Harriet Pasqueth. Victrola thorn.
music was enjoyed throughout the The Elks' fourth anniversary ball

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dearing leave afternoon, and at five o'clock the hos- was given at the Elks' Home Monday on for the South to spend several tess served a buffet lunch. The night, and was a very enjoyable af-Place Cards, Tally Cards and Dance Elizabeth Parker, Jennie Parker, Jo-ograms, 1c to 25c each. 50 Wed-sephine Wallace, Lelia Winans and ing was enjoyed throughout the ev-

printed from copper Dorothy Holmes. ate type \$5.00 to \$7.00. 100 Wednesday afternoon for a bridge party garite Clay, Cecil Fife, of Columbia; graved plate, \$9.35 to \$35.05.

WORRELL, The Jeweler. Mrs. F. B. Sanford entertained orty ladies Monday afternoon at Corphum, in honor of Mesdames C. Madison, of Kansas City, Min-F. Betts, of Chicago, Eben R. ice, of Montana, Richard Myall, of herty. After the movies the guests

nyed a two-course lunch at the Miss Virginia Rodgers celebrated to birthday Monday by giving a maer to a few of her friends. The bie held the large birthday cake with er name on it, and the following ris enjoyed a five-course dinner: less Dorethy, Nell Atkins, Anna acey Wallace and Hazel McIntyre. fter dinner, the hostess and her sents attended the matinee.

100 latest style Visiting Cards from our plate for \$1.00. New plate and to Cards in script, \$1.50; Old Engmanish script, French ed Caxton and Astor text, 00. "The Endente," the new pan-

deffect in Visiting Cards, only 30c WORRELL, The Jeweler. noon Mr. and Mrs. on received friends in their guests, Miss Sarah of Hannibal; Mesars. Manon and McFarland Pickard, The dining room tabl

se of pink carnations lace Fry poured tea, assisted His Tucker and Frances ers assisting were: d Johnson, Jane Rodg-Turner Williams. Endeavor of the Christeld a banquet Tuesday te church. Miss Anna

The Tattler

A young woman in Kentucky has one does unless their circle of acquain. Thursday evening, in honor of Mrs. offered the Mayor of Baker, Ore., \$5 tance is as restricted as that of a White, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. White, Mrs. Wallace Fry. After

of salable price in an oyster.

town knockers.

(From Files of January 31, 1907)

Mr. and Mrs. Elon Dearing enter-

lunch closed the evening.

lege, Columbia.

Miss Mildred Johnson was bostess

Misses Margarite Clay and Cecil Fife,

of Columbia. 'The center of the ta-

Fife, Sarah Conlon, of Hannibal;

ery, Sheldon Murry, of Liberty, Bry-

Fry, Misses Margarite Clay, Cecil friends in Madison, Wis.

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ble held a gold basket of pink roses.

Gladys Van Ness.

of the lesson, "The Faithful, Acta II

Mrs. C. D. Hodgers: "When I were to get her a husband. Even at that price she is in a position to be severely "stung" judging from some of the husbands I know.

The real optimist is the man who posing their affections on a poodle at the Orghers. The real optimist is the man who posing their affections on a poodle at the Orghers. The real optimist is the man who posing their affections on a poodle at the Orghers. husbands I know.

The real optimist is the man who can smile while listening to a fellow pup or a comfortable Thomas cat.

Criticising the opposite sex for dismiss Lena Bryarly gave a line party at the Orpheum Thursday afternoon for her house guest, Mrs. Victor Hale, of Moberly. Later the guests emcan smile while listening to a fellow pup or a comfortable Thomas cat. boast. Yes, it is hard to be a real optimist.

They are always as fit as a fiddle and about as pleasant conversationally as that instrument being tuned for the apparent interest to the greatest masculine bore in town, singing his own praises, you can figure she has concluded her chances of marriage are coming in bond; they detest sarcasm collective to the coming in bond; they detest sarcasm collective to the coming in bond; they detest sarcasm collective to the coming in bond; they detest sarcasm collective to the coming in bond; they detest sarcasm collective to the coming in bond; they detest sarcasm collective to the coming in bond; they detest sarcasm collective to the coming in bond; they detest sarcasm collective to the coming in bond; they detest sarcasm collective to the coming in bond; they determ the guest. Mrs. Victor Hale, for her house guest, Mrs. Victor Hale, for her house guest and for her hous cluded her chances of marriage are unless it is their own pet brand; they The Chautauqua met at the Library negligable.

To find a girl who can discuss intelligently current events is fully as pleasant a surprise as finding a pearl marry; they are disinclined to receive Alex Carter, "Danish Islands Now Alex Carter, "Danish Islands Now Page 1 and Page 1 and Page 2 and Page 3 and Pa f salable price in an oyster.

Suggestions, but are always ready to Ours," Mrs. Wallace Fry, "Balfour's contribute weighty ideas toward the Note;" Mrs. J. H. Whitmore, "Mex-

"Where ipon the conductor tried bring the train to a sudden stop d whispered to the lady, that she dispersed to the lady, that she arong train. The Fulton anch was hers.

Tin Can Day is being inaugurated contribute weighty ideas toward the improvement of anything from the improvement of anything from the awdust in baby's doll to the granulated pine in the neighbor's head. They would have you believe they by tying some of the collection to the lady, that she are as "big as life and twice as nat-"Story of the Dog of Flanders."

Tin Can Day is being inaugurated contribute weighty ideas toward the improvement of anything from the improvement of anything from the improvement of anything from the improvement, and trying to keep warm.

"Caesar's Conquest of Baltic Lands;"

Mrs. J. H. Whitmore, "Mexcican Developments;" Mrs. Turley, "Caesar's Conquest of Baltic Lands;"

Mrs. J. G. Moore, "Origin of the Days of the Week;" Mrs. Barre, ellyn, local weather observer, greet-levelyn, local wea by tying some of the collection to the are as "big as life and twice as nat- "Story of the Dog of Flanders." If you were to judge some men's small as the camel, which adopted a christianity by the amount they deposit in the collection plate you would naturally conclude they still had need of urgent missionary treatment.

Do you know any finicky men?

Of course you do. I suppose every
Ual, while in truth they are as small as the camel, which adopted a needle's eye for subway purposes.

A finicky man always reminds me of the last rose of summer trying to revive its wilted wealth of encrimdelicious refreshments during the afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Moore was hostess for the Friday Knitting Club on Friday Many persons called at the store and Miss Viola Wells, of Hannibal; and Mrs. Leo Hanly. The hostess served delicious refreshments during the afternoon.

Of course you do. I suppose every
Of the morning breeze.

Elizabeth Arnold treasurer.

Miss Gertrude Fry, Society Editor, Mexico Ledger, Mexico, Mo. Looking Back in Society ber and officers elected. Mrs. W. The Gladstone Club was holding its H. Coons was chosen president; Mrs. like it.

weekly meetings with Mrs. Walker E. A. Dearing secretary, and Miss Am sending this to you as an appre- cold weather fiend. Elizabeth Arnold treasurer.

Ciation of your many interesting articles in the Society Column of the mometer registered 21 degrees below Mr. and Mrs. Elon Dearing entertained a number of their friends. The new game, Quien Sabe, was played unful entertainments at the home of the latter. At the first entertainment than appreciated, for I realize that I flinch was played and Mrs. W. W. must depend upon my many good ed delicious refreshments.

Miss Electra Withers and Mrs. E. ticles in the Society Column of the Ledger, and any consideration you care to give this song will be more ing, the day before it stood at 12 and the preceeding Sunday at 11, all of which were considered to be record-Mrs. Charles Carpenter entertained twenty of her friends at an evening party in honor of Misses Floy Cope, and Janie Mason, of Jonesburg.

Botts carried off the prize. At the friends to help me to success in my second entertainment, held the follow-vocation of song writing, for I have long ago realized that we cannot be a success wholly within ourselves; it as follows. a success wholly within ourselves; it as follows: ek-end with Miss Bethel Lawrence.

Miss Dorothy Holmes entertained
J. T. Johnson and Mrs. H. E. C.

see Elleabeth and Jennie Parker,
Tucker won the prizes, which were a guests, Misses Cope and Mason, of clate what others do for me for I feel ola Wells and Hilderbrand Thurs- beautiful hand-painted plate and a Jonesburg. Flinch was the game of very keenly that my success is due ribboned coat hanger. A delicious the evening and Mr. Ross Cauthorn partly to them, and no matter how carried off the prize, a handsome ash great my success might be, I shall not The F. A. E. Club met with Mrs. tray, while Mrs. P. E. Coil carried forget those who are not quite so home a dainty bag as her reward.

W. C. Haggard and wife left on education and wife left on education and with the property of the purpose of distribution among the property of the purpose of the pur

> With kind wishes for your success and happiness, I am, Sincerely yours,

Edward Verhoff. Many people in this city will reember Mr. Verhoff, who formerly miss City sext week, and attend a nutomobile whow.

Id.

Id.

In monor of misses Cecil Fife and Mar.

Id.

In misses City sext week, and attend a nutomobile whow.

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In misses City sext week, and attend a nutomobile whow.

In misses City sext week, and attend a nutomobile whom is making a success of his song writing. The above letter speaks for itself, and the editress thanks Mr. joins in wishing him much success.

Mrs. Alf Elliott has as guests for lunch Sunday evening Mrs. E. D.

A new club, known as the "Culture ty; E. R. Price, of Montana; Misses Club," has recently been organized, Frances Gupton, Mary Buckner and and the first meeting was held on Tuesday evening with Mr. Norton Miss Miriam Glandon, daughter of Melson. Very elaborate refreshments Dainty hand-painted Dutch place Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Glandon, of this were served at the close of the even-

cards marked the places. Covers city, who was a student in Missouri ing. were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Clay- University the first semester, has Mrs. L. N. Gordon, of Kansas City, born Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace left Columbia and is the guest of will arrive Monday to visit Mrs. W. Fry, Misses Margarite Clay, Cecil friends in Madison, Wis. W. Botts.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell and Miss Dorothy Holmes gave two ta daughter, Virginia Sue, spent Saturbles of Five Hundred on Saturday day with Mrs. Will Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilkins enter-

night at her home on South Olive St. After the games, the hostess served tained Mr. and Mrs. L. M. White and Mrs. Minor Botts at the Orpheum Friday evening, and later refreshments were served at Buckner's Mrs. Minor Botts departs tonight. for Chicago, after visiting her sisbrary with Mrs. W. L. Reed leader

ter, Mrs. L. M. White. Mrs. M. S. Morris was hostess for the 500 Club Friday afternon. Mrs. O. L. Martin won the prize, a dresser scarf and pin cushion cover. A delightful lunch was served by the hostess. Mrs. D. D. Dudley and Miss

Sertrude Fry were the club guests. Mrs. M. Phillip and Mrs. I. Silerstein entertained thirty ladies at guests were: Misses Viola Wells, fair. At cards, Mrs. George Lee and the Orpheum this afternoon for their guests, Mrs. David Chasnoff of Sedalia, and Mrs. Rose Reisenberg, of ening and the following out-of-town Sherman, Texas. Miss Julia Tucker was hostess Wed- guesta were present: Misses Marga Mrs. E. A. Dearing entertained

e Thimble Club this afternoon at ner home. A business session was first held, then a social hour. The out-of-town guests were Mesdames C. C. Madison, of Kansas City; Richard Myall, of Liberty; Minor E. Botts, of Chicago, and Eben Price, of Montana Mrs. Wallace Fry was hostess for the F. A. E. Club Friday afternoon. After the games of bridge, the hostess served very elaborate refreshments. The guests of the club were: Mesdames A. P. Johnson, F. N. Van Ness, C. B. Norris, M. Phillip, C. C. Madison, of Kansas City; Mino Botts, of Chicago; Eben Price, of Montana; Richard Myall, of Liberty, and

W. W. Fry.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roth, of St.
Louis, spent Saturday with Mr. and
Mrs. C. F. Clark. The King's Daughters will hold a seeting at the Baptist church Tues-

day afternoon at 2:30.

home of Mrs. W. W. Botts Friday afternoon, Feb. 9th. A good musical program has been prepared, and evervone is invited. The Del Rio, Texas, Herald has the ollowing to say of the wedding of

this city: "At 1 p .m. Wednesday, the friends and relatives of Miss Martha Hamilton and James Elmer Whitewitnessed the most elaborate wedding of the season at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hamilton. Many functions complimentary to the bride had preceded this great event, therefore anticipation was general. The parlors were resplendent in decorations in green and white effect. The ceremony took place in the parlor where an arch was erected in ferns, palms, and pot plants, under

Dick Appling, of Montgomery, Sheldon Murry, of Liberty, and Darnell, of B-R-R-R "FOURTEEN BELOW" Miss Lena Bryarly entertained at SAYS THE WEATHER MAN

dinner Wednesday in honor of her guest, Mrs. Victor Hale, of Moberly. The Mercury Climbed Way Down is Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bruce, Mr. Roy and Miss Ada the Cellar Friday Morning-One of Coldest Days in Years Bryarly, and Mr. W. R. Bryarly.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hawthorne WAS 12 BELOW LAST JANUARY ad as their guests at the Orpheun Day Before This Winter

Was 3 Degrees Below the Zero Mark—December 22nd. Last summer when the lunar rays

Were warping up the earth, And the weather was too serious For anything like mirth, The people stood about in knots, With manner, O, so bold,

And told how they would revel In a zero chunk of cold. But where are the same people now

Who thought 'twould be so nice? Where are they all this morning With the world as cold as ice? Are they out doors as they pro-

Are they out to "brave the

ural," while in truth they are as Miss Myrtle Moore was hostess for awe-inspiring words Friday morning

The coldest weather before this winter was 3 degrees below the zero mark, which came on the 22nd day of

ure in handing you herewith one of my songs on the market and would Of course it has been colder, the

Figures on the cold weather for the 22 years preceeding 1901 were given

January 1879, -20 January 1884, -28. January 1886, -19. February 1886, -18, January 1887, -21. January 188, -16. February 1895,-20.

February 1899, -25. The following minimum temperaes from 1901 to 1916 were taken from the weather reports for those years kept by Mr. Llewellyn:

February 1902, -11. January 1904, -14. February 1905, -13. February 1907, -10. January 1909, -10. January 1911, -9. February 1910, -1. January 1910, -1. January 1912, -21. January 1915, -16 January 1916, -12.

Mexico faces a shortage in coal. The suddenly increased demand for fuel, caused by the severe cold, threatens to exhaust the supply of the local dealers before their orders can be filled by the mines.

COURT HOUSE BURNS Sanford, L. B. Hawthorne, J. W.
Buffington, F. A. Morris, W. C.
Johnson, Charles Morris, Charles
Claybrook, E. A. Dearing, F. P.
Van Ness, Richard Myall, of LiberVan Ness, Richard Myall, of MONTGOMERY CITY, Mo., Feb. 2. ing, supposedly from a defective flue. The county records were saved and as the buildings were all frame and inexpensive, the loss is not heavy

This is the third time the court ouse has been destroyed by fire.

which the ceremony was read by Rev. Courtney. The bride was tastefully gowned in pure white silk net hole could be plugged. paneled with white sattn embroidered veil and white slippers. Her at- several hundred gallons of oil had estednants were little Flo Cauthorn and caped, says the Centralia Guard. Dorothy Hamilton, carrying ribbons The bride of honor, Miss Mattie White, it away, and the town of Clark placed James Hamilton. After the ceremony delicious refreshments were served, and the happy pair departed for San Antonio for their honeymoon. Many good wishes follow this couple in their happy journey."

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## They're loafing 'round the kitchen CITY HAS \$5,886.77 ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1917

Semi-Annual Statement Issued by the City Shows Increase Over Balance of July 1, 1916

HAD \$5,177,62 JULY 1

Total Cost of Running the City for the Last Six Months of 1916 Was \$16,196.60

The semi-annual financial statement the battle of life after their terms exof the City of Mexico, which was re- pired. WALSENBURG, Colo., Jan. 29, last December and the coldest for hand January 1, 1917, of \$5,886.77 as showed:

like to have you advise me how you coldest possible is 240 degrees below for the last six months of 1916 was of school. The total cost of running the city zero, but this satisfies the most radical \$16,196.60. The expenses of the various departments of the city was as

Salaries, \$3,359.00. Fire Department, \$386,16. Street work, \$1,362.53. Street material, \$607.78. Water and Light, \$4,381.31. Charity, \$101.27. Park and Cemetery, \$403.69. City Hall, \$38.85.

Printing and Books, \$147.37. Library, \$640.57. Miscellaneous, \$4,705.07. The total receipts for the six months

\$5,886.77.

following statement of the indebt- 313 that can do neither. After that edness of the city, bills payable: May the requests for some study in gram-17, 1916, \$6,000; note, 6 per cent; mar and spelling come next in num-August 14, 1916, \$3,250.00, at 61/2 ber in the applications. per cent; October 27, 1916, \$2,000, 7 Above the entirely illiterate class per cent.

HE SAW HIS SHADOW According to those wise in weather

terday afternoon, the fire starting weeks, during which time mortals will in the top of the court house build- be visited by sundry unpleasant in the prison except one volunteered weather conditions, according to the to assist as teachers in the prison tradition.

> The pipe line of the Prairie Oil Company which passes through the farm of T. R. Morris, near Clark, burst last week, and two acres of corn land were flooded with the oil before the

Thirty-two men worked for two by silver rosebuds, with long white days on the break, through which It was stated that the company which "staked off" the altar entrance. gave the oil to whoever would carry sister of the groom, carried pink ros- enough on two of the streets to put grade 201; sixth grade 150; seventh es. The pillow bearer was little them in good condition for the rest of the winter, and many persons took grammar school 50; first year high oil home for their own use.

Was 89 Years Old Sunday William F. Buckner, president of the Paris National Bank, and father of Mrs. A. S. Houston and Mrs. C. R. Gibbs, of Mexico, was 89 years old Sunday. He walked to church and had evidently forgotten that he was having another birthday until Rev. Mangum made mention of the fact After the service the congregation crowded forward to offer congratulations and words of friendly interest Mr. Buckner, it is believed, is the oldest bank president in the United States. He certainly is one of the best and most useful of men. He is in fine health. - Paris Appeal.

ASKS FOR \$1,600 DAMAGES Friday W. T. Wilkerson filed suit for \$1,600 damages against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad

In the petition the plaintiff alleges shipments of fruit, consisting of apand from Evansville, Mo., to points of meeting. in Missouri and Iowa and that the goods were damaged to the amount of 1,600, for which amount he asks udgement.

The petition contains three counts, the first and second asking judgement for \$600 each, and third for \$400.

Goes Into Bankruptcy

Walter S. Fritts, of this city, has

one into bankruptcy. Mr. Fritts'

\$10,000 FOR WESTMINSTER FULTON, Mo., Feb. 3. - Dean his father's will, which appeared in . J. Rice, of Westminster College, the Ledger this week, copied from the has announced that he has received St. Louis Times, was incorrect. Mr

Guy, of St. Louis, to endow a chair of true copy of the will shortly. history and economics at Westminster Robins Are Here of which department Dr. Rice is the Miss Dickinson, of Hardin College, read. The gift is independent of the \$500,000 endowment the St. Louis end of which is now under way. The gift is in memory of Mr. Guy's wife, who died several years ago . theguest of the Rev. J. M. Hornback

and wife.

Otis Purdy is ill.

## IGNORANCE CAUSES CRIME FINDS WARDEN PAINTER

Many Missouri Penitentiary Inmater Wholly Illiterate and Could Be Helped With Education

BOOKS EQUIPPED FOR WORK Convicts Will Teach Their Ignorant Fellows if Necessary Supplies

for Work Can Be Had

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 1. -Warden Painter, who is putting the new deal in effect at the Missouri erison, wants the people of Missouri o contribute \$3,000 to get a prison school started in the Jefferson City nstitution. The money is to be used solely for buying text books. Several hundred convicts have expressed an earnest desire to study nights and to attend classes that will be started soon with convict instructors. The Legislature will be asked to provide a tubercular hospital and will have other large expenses to meet in providing state employment, so the warden is making his appeal direct to the

Illiteracy Leads to Crime The educational census taken of the wenty-five hundred convicts by Warden Painter, which was partly com-pleted yesterday, shows the appalling degree to which illiteracy and crime go hand in hand.

It also showed a great desire existing among the inmates to better their conditions - to study and prepare themselves in prison, after work hours, to better be able to face

The census among other things

WALSENBURG, Colo., wall. 25, last winter was 12 degrees below, on againest a balance on July 1, 1916, of That 313 of the inmates who have reported can neither read nor write.

That 496 have never attended a day That the great bulk of the convicts

never got beyond the fifth grade of That there are thirty-two college men, most of them graduates, in the two thousand five hundred odd convicts. The colleges represented range

from Heidelberg in Germany, the Universities of Paris and Berlin, Oxford, Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Western schools including one from the University of Missouri. A Strong Desire to Learn The census, the most complete of

ending December 31, 1916, amounted its kind ever undertaken in the pristo \$22,083.37, leaving a balance of on, revealed the great desire for prison classes. In fact, there are The balances left in the various city so many applications to read and funds January 1, 1917, were: Gener- write, for example, it will be imal fund, \$2,905.33; library fund, practical for months to begin to pro-\$864.28; special sewer fund, \$68.17; vide classes for but a small part of cemetery fund, \$161.54; special light those who expressed the desire to fund, \$1,880.87; special road fund, better their condition. The greatest demand is to learn to read and write The statement issued contains the -that comes from the submerged

of the convicts the applications from the men for chances to study or attend prison classes, out of work hours were not nearly so numerous. Howlore, we are going to have six weeks of bad weather. February 2 is ground these applications, men who can read hog day. That animal is said to poke and write and have an elementary or hog day. That animal is said to poke his head out of his hole on that day and look for his shadow; if he sees it he returns to his abode and awaits the expiration of the six weeks of bad weather, which a bright Feb. 2 foretells.

and write and have an elementary or even high school education who desire to take work on some special trade or professions so that they can find work better when they get out. In the expression of preference for study work that would be offered, the requests

classes. One prisoner who had attended universities at Berlin, Copenhagen and Paris being especially eager. Another, a musician, volunteer ed to teach those desiring to take up some elemenetary form of study of music, and there were many requests for this. The Harvard student convict volunteered his services with a

"glad of the chance." The census showed these results: No schooling and can't read and write 313; no schooling but can read and write 183; miscellaneous 19; first grade 71; second grade 142; third grade 208; fourth grade 208; fifth grade 97; eighth grade 212; graduate school 87; second year high school 89; third year high school 16; graduates high schools 48; college students of at least two years of grauuates 32.

Fleeing Thieves Left Farmer a Car MARSHALL, Mo., Feb. 1 .- Frank Vogelsmeier, a farmer living near Sweet Springs, Mo., was awakened Monday night by a noise near his henhouse. Investigating, he found two unknown men attempting to crank a small motor car, with two sacks of chickens on the ground beside the car. Seeing Vogelsmeir, the thieves fled on foot, leaving Vogelsmeier in possession of the chickens and motor

POLLOCK CHOSEN TREASURER. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 1. - The Missouri Grain Dealers' Association yesterday elected the following officers: J. L. Frederick, St. Joseph. president; J. S. Klingenberger, Concordia, vice-president; W. W. Polhat in October, 1914, he made three lock, Mexico, treasurer; D. L. Boysalpments of fruit, consisting of apples and pears, from Clarence, Mo., of directors will choose the next place

> Robert Lewis, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crawford, of this city, fell Thursday morning, while blowing a tin horn, and pierced the roof of his mouth. While not at all serious, the wound is an especially painful one. About a

LITTLE BOY INJURED

year ago the little chap was severely burned by carbolic scid, spilled from many friends will regret to learn of an upset bottle. Chas. Schopp states the report of

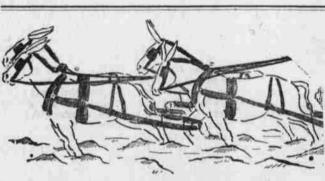
a gift of \$10,000 from William E. Schopp stated he would furnish a

reports having seen two robins or the college campus Wednesday. A. W. Hornback, of Columbia, is



WARDEN W. R. PAINTER

of the Missouri Prison, who is doing a great work to revolutionize the fearful conditions in the state penal



## I AM THE UNIM-PROVED HIGHWAY

(H. G. Adams in Wm. Penn Highway Bulletin) I am the unimproved highway. My name is Mud.

The feet that pattered in primeval slime gave me

Unchanged while the ages passed I have endured. Time has but served to increase my infinite variety. Earth-born, and without a soul, yet have I lived. From the beginning I have been man's enemy.

A dust-covered python am I, stretching my length across the hills, waiting my time to crush endeavor. I have ensuared caravans that left bleaching bones in lands now desert.

Empires have fallen because of me.

I have turned victories into routs; I have trapped mighty leaders and have crushed armies.

I am without faith; and those who trust me I deceive. Today I am fair to look upon; tomorrow a steaming bog; I add Difficulty to Distance.

With Isolation do I conspire to unjoint the endeavors of men. I tug at the wheels of the grain cart, that broad may be dear. I hamper those who would feed the race. I am the enemy of church and school. I mire the healer on his rounds and delay his coming that little ones may

I am a disrupter of Home. I speed the first born to the cities when I am fair to see; and when he would return I face him with my forbidding depths.

I am minister to Bitterness; and I lay a tax on all

There are none who live who do not pay me tribute. When men plowed with a crooked stick I was there. When the ancients covered me with stones I slipped away to other lands.

I am the oldest Lie that lives today. Men count me cheap. I know the price they pay who count me so.

I am the unimproved highway.

My name is Mud!

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